## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Tuesday, July 6, 2021. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Law Director, Justin Richard, Chief Counsel, Bill Bartos, Economic Development Director, Dave Maley, Police Chief, Keith Moser. Under #5 on the agenda is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and under #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I'd like to ask any of you that if you're not speaking to please mute yourself so that we can hold all the background noise to a minimum. Thank you.

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Roll call.

### 1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Mike Gregg, Ted Herncane, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Mark Lombardi, Megan Starrett and Jim Thieret.

Roll call of 8 present

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I make a motion that we excuse Councilman Slutz.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Herncane. Roll call.

8 yes to excuse Councilman Slutz

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Slutz has been excused.

## 2. <u>INVOCATION</u>

**COUNCILMAN TED HERNCANE** 

# 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN HERNCANE

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** - Thank you, Councilman Herncane.

## 4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Madam Clerk are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

<u>COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND</u> – No, they are not. I had a technical difficulty with the transcription from last meeting, so, I will be getting with Mr. McCray. I had video but no audio.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

- 5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA
- 6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

## ORDINANCE NO. 115 – 2021 BY: PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Recreation Board of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a COVID Relief Grant from the Ohio Department of Aging on behalf of the Massillon Park and Recreation Department, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER</u> – Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance is to accept a \$10,000 COVID Relief grant for the Senior Center. The Director was here at the Work Session. He had stated that these funds will be used to update the Senior Center so that they are ADA compliant. Are there any questions regarding this ordinance? Hearing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 115 – 2021 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> - Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 115 - 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 116 - 2021

# ORDINANCE NO. 116 – 2021 BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to advertise for and receive sealed bids according to law and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, upon the approval of the Board of Control, for the 2021 St. Andrews Estates Improvement Project, Phase III, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret.

<u>COUNCILMAN THIERET</u> – Thank you, Madam President. As I understand, this is the third portion of the street's improvement. I'd like to bring it forward for a vote. So, if there's no other questions or concerns; hearing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 116 – 2021 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u>** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 116 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 117 – 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 117 – 2021** 

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the replat and dedication of sanitary sewer easements known as Outlot No. 399, East of 27th Street N.W. and North on Meadow Ave., Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret.

<u>COUNCILMAN THIERET</u> – Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to ask Mr. Maley to come forward.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Mr. Maley if you would come up. Are there any questions of Mr. Maley?

**<u>COUNCILMAN THIERET</u>** – We're also requesting funding for this tonight?

**DAVE MALEY** – This is on Ord. No. 117?

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Yes.

**DAVE MALEY** – There's no funding requested for this.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – There's no emergency language then?

**DAVE MALEY** – No.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Okay, thank you. First reading.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you. Ord. No. 117 – 2021 has received first reading. Ord. No. 118 - 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 118 – 2021** 

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to submit applications for funding to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the funding year 2022, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Yes. This is the application to OPWC for the projects that would be related to Streetscape Phase III and to Warmington Rd. We discussed both of these at length at the last meeting. We would like to get these applications in soon so that we can look at what kind of funding OPWC would give us to afford on this project. Are there any questions or discussion this evening?

<u>COUNCILMAN THIERET</u> – Yes, I have a question. Why are we lumping Warmington Rd. and Lincoln Way? I think they should be separated.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Well, we can ask the City for guidance to that, but I can tell you that in my years of experience, whenever we go to funding to OPWC, we lump all projects that we wish to be funded through OPWC together into one application. The OPWC application process is based off of points. So, when you start putting projects together and things of that nature, I believe it impacts the points and it gives you a better chance of approval at a higher rate of their investment as compared to ours. So, we can get a 90/10 split or get a 70/30 split; depending on how they rate us. So, we can ask the engineer, but I would assume it has something to do with the application process. The Safety Service Director is here, if she'd come up.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Mrs. Sylvester if you would come up.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Good evening. Yes, Mr. Lewis, that is correct.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – So, by putting the two together, it'll increase our chance of a higher rating which increases our chance of receiving more funding from the OPWC?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Correct. They have the right to pick and choose.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret.

<u>COUNCILMAN THIERET</u> – Well, the next question, when, if this request or application is approved, the project wouldn't even start until next year then?

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – As discussed at the last Work Session, funding would be released, I believe he said in July 2022.

<u>COUNCILMAN THIERET</u> – My concern is that the Lincoln Way project in particular has been impacted and been devastating on the downtown businesses, I wouldn't want to see that happening soon. But if it's the fall of next year, I suppose that could be fallible. Thank you.

**<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u>** – Anyone else? Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 118 – 2021 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call for suspension.

6 yes; 2 no for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Point of Order.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – We didn't meet the requirements for suspension. So, we give it first reading.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you. Ord. No. 118 – 2021 has received first reading. Ord. No. 119 – 2021.

## ORDINANCE NO. 119 – 2021 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations for the unappropriated balance of the 1234 Park and Recreation Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Yes. This goes along with the Park and Recreation grant that we have already discussed this evening. Is there any further discussion? I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 119 – 2021 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman Gregg. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 119 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 120 – 2021.

# ORDINANCE NO. 120 – 2021 BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 3112 Donation Fund for Duncan Plaza, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Yes. These are funds that have been donated for the plaques to memorialize or celebrate people in the Duncan Plaza and we're acting as a pass-through so that they can make the appropriate purchases. Are there any discussion or questions this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 120 – 2021 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 120 – 2021 has passed.

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – We had talked about this the last few weeks that it, for a better word, it smells musty in here and I wondered if anything could be done. It smells musty or stale. Council Clerk, does it smell musty or stale to you?

<u>COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND</u> – No. Like I say, they clean in here every Tuesday and Friday.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Any other Council people feel that it's musty or stale in here?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Sometimes, yes. Today it was.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – I do, a little bit.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I do notice it as well. So, if we can get that taken care.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Mainly on that side of the room.

#### 9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMINCATIONS

A Request for a STCK (Stock Exchange) of a Liquor License to West Long Enterprises, Inc. (Beir Banc) located at 211 Erie Street S., Massillon, Ohio 44646. Permit classes are C1 and C2 and is located in Ward 2.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret, did you receive copies of these?

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Yes, I did.

- 10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS
- 11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS
- 12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Our next Work Session will be Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Does anyone else have anything? Councilman Lewis.

<u>COUNCILMAN LEWIS</u> – Yes, at the next Work Session, we will have Auditor Jayne Ferrero to give us a mid-year report or update.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

### 13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. Can I call forward Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Yes you can.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Thank you, Ms. Sylvester. Quick question; back in relation to Ord. No. 118, are you aware of any time sensitivities of that particular application process that we need to be aware of?

<u>BARB SYLVESTER</u> – Yes. I'll check back in my notes, but I believe, as you recall when Jason Popiel was here they did change the requirements for that asking that we get approval from Council and we have to do it online now, if you remember that.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Right.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – So, I was going to check back in my notes and see what the time frame is that we have for that. But I know we need your approval prior to that. I can look back in my notes to see if I have the date on that. I don't have that file with me.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Gregg.

<u>COUNCILMAN GREGG</u> – Looking at the Request for Legislation, it does say that the reason for the emergency language was that the funding request is due September 17<sup>th</sup>.

BARB SYLVESTER - I thought September, but I couldn't remember the date.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – So we do have time then?

BARB SYLVESTER - We do.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** - Okay, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Herncane.

<u>COUNCILMAN HERNCANE</u> – Thank you, Madam President. Mrs. Sylvester, I have a question.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Ms. Sylvester.

<u>COUNCILMAN HERNCANE</u> – Thank you; I have a question. I know we got a lot of rain last week; Kelly St. S.W. was flooded pretty bad. I think that there are probably other pockets

throughout the City that experienced a lot of water, but specifically, that street. My understanding, correct me if I'm wrong, I believe that there's been some flooding issues on Kelly St. S.W. for a period of years. I would just that if you look into that or is there anything you could do?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – I could do that. I'm not aware of Kelly St. S.W., I do get lists of problem streets and other ones that we do go over. So, Kelly St. S.W. is not on this list.

<u>COUNCILMAN HERNCANE</u> – I can get some photos if it would be helpful and I don't remember what day it was last week.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Maybe the day we had all that rain that it flooded or 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. that night, we did have a lot of flooding. But, Lee was out doing a great job in helping people. We did have some people that got stuck in high water.

<u>COUNCILMAN HERNCANE</u> – I know Belden Village was pretty bad and a lot of townships. So, I don't remember what it was, but if you could just look into it.

BARB SYLVESTER - I will do that.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

- 14. CALL OF THE CALENDAR
- 15. THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS
- 16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 101 – 2021 BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 78 – 2021 to include the corrected Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) amount to be received by the City of Massillon, Ohio, for Fiscal Year 2021 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT</u> – Thank you, Madam President. This is just an amendment adding an additional \$9,704 to the Community Development Block Grant program due to a mistake on HUD when they original. Any questions about this ordinance. Seeing none, I make a motion to waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 101 – 2021 forward for a vote.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Seconded by Councilman. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 101 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 102 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 102 – 2021 BY: HEALTH, WELFARE & BUILDING REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE adding a dedicated "Animal Compliance Officer" to the Code Enforcement office of the City of Massillon Building Department.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Slutz.

**COUNCILMAN SLUTZ** – Second reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 102 – 2021 has received second reading. Ord. No. 105 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 105 – 2021 BY: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending the number of positions in the various ranks of the City of Massillon Police Department, repealing conflicting ordinances and resolutions, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN</u> – Thank you, Madam President. I'm going to call second reading this evening, but I did want to mention that I've asked the Law Director to answer a couple of questions that we have regarding the legislation itself and review the labor attorney's opinion on both the legislation and the MOU as well. I wanted to make sure that he be present next week at the Work Session to be able to answer those questions.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK - Mr. Richard. Thank you.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN</u> – I would also invite the Police Chief, if he had any comments at that point, that he could also address Council at that time, thank you. Second reading, then.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you. Ord. No. 105 – 2021 has received second reading. Ord. No. 106 – 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 106 – 2021 BY: POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Massillon F.O.P. Henderson Lodge Police Officers Association Gold Unit, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

<u>COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN</u> – Thank you, Madam President. This is a companion piece of legislation enacting the request that is in Ord. No. 105. So, I'm going to request second reading in this piece of legislation as well.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you. Ord. No. 106 – 2021 has received second reading. Ord. No. 108 – 2021.

### **ORDINANCE 108 – 2021**

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the replat and dedication of road right of way at Lincoln Way E. and 27<sup>th</sup> Street N.E., Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret.

<u>COUNCILMAN THIERET</u> – Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance legislation here is the K-Mart property out there for the dedication and replatting. There was concerns expressed by some of the contingents and some of the Restrictive Covenant that discussed, but there can't be any of that until the sale and there can't be a sale until it's properly replatted. So, seeing that, I'd like to definitely move this forward tonight for a vote. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, I move that we waive the rules requiring three readings and move Ord. No. 108 – 2021 forward for a vote.

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK</u> – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 108 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 109 – 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 109 – 2021** 

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 919.04 "Responsibility of the City" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you, Madam President. Second reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 109 – 2021 has received second reading. Ord. No. 110 – 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 110 – 2021** 

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE to accept the dedication of road right of way and easements for Kenyon Creek Estates, Phase 2 subdivision, Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Thieret.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you, Madam President. Second reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 110 – 2021 has received second reading.

## 17. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

L. J. DELUCA - Thank you, Madam President, President Pro Tem, Ed Lewis and the rest of City Council and all of my friends listening here tonight. 2954 Veterans Blvd. S.E., Massillon, Ohio, The Legends of Massillon. My pleasure, really, to live here and be here with y'all. Later on up at Jackson Twp. Community celebration, it fits in here in a little bit. We gotta kick it up a gear with what we're doing. I told you last time, I gotta make a little apology, I got to apologize, sorry. I was talking about the very bad tragedy in Florida and I said Sunrise, which I've been at and I've been to Surfside, but I think I mentioned last time. Lisa brought it to my attention. thank you, Lisa; it is Surfside. I appreciate that and I pray for all the people at Surfside. So I talked to Fire Chief and he's a great one, Matt Heck. I met with him like I told you I would do this past week. He said it's a team effort for the fire codes, the exits, the suppression system, with code enforcement up at his prevue, he wants to work together as a team. He told me a few things; I spent an hour and a half with him. Acquiring a new Quint, 18 to 20 yrs. of a truck. Right now, as you know, in City Council, we got a 1998 fire truck, got a lot of services here. It's not road worthy. I did some looking into the Quints; they've been around for a hundred years. But right now, I'm with the Chief; I really like him like I liked former chief, Tom Burgasser, been a good friend of mine and very open. These Quints have been around for a 100 years or more. I had no idea they can get into our little alleys like Smiley's or something like that. I think it's a good thing. I think its and the best way to know what you got here is to do inventory, okay. So, as we talked about some of this stuff, the Massillon Fire Dept. increased its staff to 55. It used to be 48 in addition to 1 fire inspector for the Fire Prevention Dept. Station No. 4, their inventory, fire engine, 1995 is the oldest but their two engines are 2018 and a 2014 tanker, as you know, via a grant. Now we have five ambulances, this is good for the City of Massillon to know, okay. It's just not facts and figures and statistics; it's citizens, residents and they're health and their safety. Five ambulances, oldest is 2013 and the newest is 2019 and I'm happy to say we got one on order for the chief. I think they're around \$173,000 range. I asked the chief about drones, okay. Do we utilize them in the Massillon Fire Dept.? I'm big on drones, okay. I think it's doing pretty good to go down in Surfside. Florida, watch the sunrise again, okay. And he said "yes". We used it up at St. Mary's; utilized the drones to get the pictures of the roof because we wanted to see about fire window on the roof line at St. Mary's. So, that was a good thing. I asked the chief and he answered the questions as I read them off, nothing. He's not saying, well you know, I'm going to the...I'm going to do the sunrise thing or I'm not really going to get into this. I didn't ask negative questions; I want positive questions. I asked about the K-9 for the Massillon Fire Dept. Chief Heck said the State Fire Marshall has these K-9 investigators, but as a fire department, he doesn't have any; cost effective. And I said "Chief, the Massillon Police Dept. has K-9's since I had a talk with the Chief. Couldn't we use them for droll roles, because that K-9 don't get here until after the fact? But how about during the fact?". And he said "Well, I'll have to check with the police chief"; Massillon Police Chief who's here tonight. The Massillon Fire Dept. staff of 55 and 54, and this is the thing, this is the kicker, I love it. 54 of our firefighters and paramedics, including the Chief himself, are paramedics and firefighters. I don't know if

anybody knew, fire department to that. So, we wish Chief Heck all the best too, because he said he's through inspector school which is a court order and Chief, we know you're going to do pretty well. Best of all, from all of us for you taking and adding on your extra credentials to make us more safer. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Massillon Fire Dept. sanitized every run. They fogged and everything else. They replaced the cots, they cleaned the linen and I didn't even know that the hospital gives them linens. And I also called Inspector Ken Ford today about St. Barb's festival he had here not too long ago. And then Chief Heck called me again, he called me back because I told him I was concerned about St. Barb's festival, okay. The chief said that it falls under the Dept. of Agriculture, as far as getting them checked. He told me the fire department is responsible through trucks and everything else in their places. I know the Health Dept., they get the cleanliness, they check everything out. Former Chief Burgasser was very a good friend of mine and I think that Fire Chief Heck is doing a very good job and I think we're all going to be just great with our relationship with our current fire chief.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thirty seconds.

L. J. DELUCA – Thank you, Madam President, I appreciate it. Tyler's law, I just want to make up, the Canton Repository, thank you, Steve, and the Independent, I'll recognize them more, but the Independent, we're in Massillon; Tyler's law was made for Tyler Joe. He died in 2017 Ohio State Fair. My grandfather was an ironworker; became the head of ironworkers in Pittsburgh, PA; Penn Hills. Those things rock were the salt water flows and that's why I want them checked and I want them good. And finally, Chief Heck, I really want to thank you for your hour and a half of your valuable time, your openness, your straight-forward answers. Chief, I found a friend; is you. The citizens of Massillon, Ohio, found a friend, chief and that is you. Thank you very much and I really appreciate the time. You can't get it all in in three minutes, Madam President.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I gave you five.

<u>L. J. DELUCA</u> – You did a great job. You gave me five. Thank you very much, Madam President, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** - Thank you. Anyone else?

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Herncane.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – I move to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK - Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT